

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Status of the claims

Claims 1-42 were pending in this application. New claims 86 to 93 were added to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-8, 12-15, 18-19, 21, 24, 31 and 41-42 were amended to further clarify the invention, to correct for form or typographical errors. Claims 1-42 and 86-93 are now pending in this case. Support for the new claims and amendments can be found in the specification for instance, in page 17, lines 13-25; page 13, lines 6-20; and page 22, lines 27-31, as well as the original claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced to the application as a result of this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 7, 8, 15, 18, 19, 31, 41 and 42 for alleged indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that an ordinary skilled artisan would understand the meaning of the terms based on the teachings of the specification. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, however, Applicants nonetheless have amended the claims to delete the term "type" as suggested by the Examiner. The above mentioned rejections and objections to claims 2-6, 9-14, 16-17, 20-30, and 32-40 have thus become moot.

Applicants submit that the amendment does not affect the scope of the claims. The amended claims would be clearly understood by one skilled artisan to encompass the same or different nanoparticles or monomers. See, for instance, the specification at page

17, lines 13-18; page 13, lines 6-20; and page 22, lines 27-31. Thus, the amendment is not to be interpreted as acquiescence and is not intended to limit the scope of the claims.

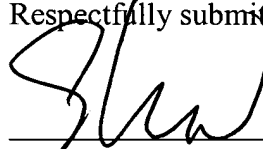
Conclusion

The Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for an allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested and a favorable determination is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

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